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Marine Recovery Area Property Owner Meeting Opportunities

As you may recall from previous mailings, your property has been included in a Marine Recovery Area (MRA). The Public Health Seattle King County Board of Health adopted an On-Site Septic System Management Plan designating the MRA for certain portions of Vashon-Maury Island that are within or adjoining "prohibited" or "unclassified" shellfish harvest areas. The MRA status is intended to protect public health, water quality and the commercial and recreational shellfish beds of Puget Sound, including Quartermaster Harbor and the East Passage.

Public Health Seattle King County representatives will be contacting MRA property owners in the East Passage area that do not have a record drawing of their system on file at their site on the following dates and times:

- Dolphin Point and Glenn Acres-Thursday August 19, 2010 from 10:00 to 4:00
- Hawthorne and Klahanie Saturday August 21, 2010 from 10:00 to 4:00
- Summerhurst Saturday August 28, 2010 from 10:00 to 4:00

Our goal is to provide property owners with an overview of the objectives behind the MRA designation and information on specific steps you can take to evaluate your On-Site Sewage system or make repairs if necessary. This will be an opportunity for you to learn more about the MRA designation and for us to learn about the problems you may be facing when evaluating, upgrading or replacing older on site wastewater disposal systems. In particular we will be interested to know what types of assistance, including state supported low interest loans, may be needed to give MRA property owners incentives to inspect and if necessary repair or replace their on site sewage system.

We are looking forward to meeting with property owners, residents and other interested parties to provide assistance in responding to the MRA designation. We hope you can meet with us on the date scheduled for your neighborhood. If you would like to contact us to schedule a specific time to meet with you *or to request that we not contact you at your property*, please call Larry Stockton at (206) 296-1910 or email Laurence.stockton@kingcounty.gov

MRA Web Resources

Public Health Seattle-King County has assembled a variety of resources to assist MRA owners at our web site at http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/ehs.aspx including:

- King County Onsite System Management Plan
- MRA maps showing individual parcels and the status of the OSS for each parcel
- OSS As-Built Plans and Inspection Records
- OSS Inspection Report Form for MRA and Time of Sale
- Technical Assistance
- Frequently Asked Questions
- State Approved On-Site Treatment Systems and Products
- Quartermaster Harbor Community System Wastewater Treatment Options Report
- Marine Recovery Area Background Information
- MRA press releases and news articles
- Partners seeking solutions to OSS problems on VMI